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GIVE A BANQUET OF APPRECIATION

Residents of Alma Will Honor
Frank W. Ruggles on Fri-
day Evening.

TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS

Testimonial Dinner to Alma's Lead-
ing Citizen to Be Staged
Friday.

The citizens of Alma, realizing the great debt and obligation that the community is under for the rapid growth that it has enjoyed during the past few years, and the prosperity that came to this city during that time, will endeavor to voice in a small way, their thanks and appreciation to Frank W. Ruggles, Friday evening at a testimonial dinner that is to be given in his honor.

The dinner, a stag affair, will be held at 6:45 p. m. Friday evening at the Wright House, and because of the limited seating capacity in the dining room there, it became necessary to limit the sale of tickets to one hundred. For this reason it was necessary to close the ticket sale on Tuesday afternoon, all available tickets having been disposed of. There was a fine demand for the tickets in Alma and Tuesday a number of St. Louis people asked for tickets.

Extra L. Smith who has been associated with Mr. Ruggles for the past several years, will act in the capacity of toastmaster at the dinner. Words of appreciation and thanks to Mr. Ruggles will be given in addresses by Harry Gerber, president of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, and H. M. Crooks, president of Alma College.

The committee that has been in charge of the affair, appointed about two weeks ago by the Chamber of Commerce, consists of Charles R. Murphy, F. S. Doud, John C. Chick, Verne C. Calkins and C. E. Benedict.

ORGANIZING CLUBS

Pig and Calf Clubs Now Being Or-
ganized in County.

There has been considerable sentiment expressed in this county in the past few weeks for the organization of Boys' and Girls' clubs as for example pig and calf clubs.

Many of the counties of the state have such clubs already in existence and they have been the means of arousing interest of the boys and girls in farming and better farm animals.

Isabella County held a very enthusiastic meeting March 10 at Mt. Pleasant where 300 school children were present and heard the proposition discussed.

A number of business men and bankers of this county realize the value of this work and have volunteered to co-operate with the Y. M. C. A., schools and Gratiot County Farm Bureau in this work.

The farm boys and girls under twenty years of age who are interested should come to Ithaca to a county mass meeting to be held on March 29 at 1:00 o'clock at the armory. Mr. R. A. Turner, State leader of boys' and girls' club work, will speak. Often a child receives impressions at such a meeting that have a beneficial influence all through life. Mr. McFadden of the First State Bank is making arrangements for a meeting at Alma the same night to organize a club.

Any boy or girl who desires to own a pure bred calf or pig of any breed can do so by joining one of these clubs. Those who cannot finance the purchase of a registered calf or pig may obtain aid from the banks which will advance the money for the purchase of the animal desired.

The one main rule of the clubs will be that the calf or pig must be given good care, and a careful record kept. All the profits from the animal if it is sold will belong to the boy or girl owning it.

The animals will be shown at the county fair and good prizes offered both by the Fair Association and by bankers and business men.

NEW SHOP

New Alma Firm Will Cater to
Fishermen Exclusively.

Under the firm name of Lewis & Ellison, Charles Lewis and Merlin Ellison of this city have opened an exclusive fishing tackle shop at 408 Woodward avenue, which will carry a complete and up-to-the-minute line of high grade supplies for the followers of Isaac Walton.

Both young men are well known in the community. They have had a good experience in fishing and know the various brands of fishing tackle far better than the majority of people.

Charles Ray in "Peaceful Valley,"
Strand Sunday and Monday.—adv.

HOLD OPENING

Robinson Store Held Opening Last
Thursday and Friday.

The annual spring opening of the D. W. Robinson store was held on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week, and Friday evenings of crowd of people from Alma and vicinity.

A stage twenty feet long was ited up in a manner that would equal most of the small theatres, some fine lighting effects being used for the better display of the goods.

The models were chosen from among the various girls of the city because of their individual fitness for each garment that was shown. The millinery was one of the real features and all trimmed hats were from the Robinson workrooms. Much interest also centered in the showing of the sport clothes, the brilliant colors lending much to the occasion.

One of the most interesting features of the occasion was the kiddies clothes, which were shown by eight children, ranging in age from 3 to 14 years. Their childish but interesting and graceful dancing was much appreciated.

Each night the house was packed and the crowds waited in the streets for the next performance. There were four reviews and each of them began promptly.

COLLINS HEARING TO BE CONTINUED

Prosecutor Has Rested and the
Defense Will Call Witnesses
Saturday.

Following an all day session Saturday in which the prosecution presented evidence which it believes to be sufficient to warrant the holding of Oscar Collins for trial on a charge of murder, the examination was continued until Saturday morning, March 26, at 9:30 a. m. by John Myers, Ithaca justice who is hearing the examination, on the plea of Romaine Clark, representing Collins. Clark stated that he had some witnesses that he desired to call.

That the prosecution does not intend to tip its hand any more than is absolutely necessary in getting Collins bound over to circuit court to stand trial, has been made evident, as the prosecution completed its case by the use of only four witnesses.

Evidently fearing that the defense which has not yet given the slightest inkling of what methods it will take in the attempt to keep Collins from being bound over for trial, might attempt to show an alibi, the prosecution Saturday concentrated its efforts to prove that Oscar Collins, was near the scene of the crime at about the time that it is believed to have taken place on Saturday night, February 5, that he had the opportunity to commit the crime, and that he had made threats against Mrs. Ellen Crowe, the 28-year-old Alma woman with whose death he is charged.

The county authorities are confident that they have already established a case strong enough to warrant the binding of Oscar Collins over to circuit court to stand trial, regardless of what steps the defense may take this coming Saturday, when the examination will be resumed. It is believed that the defense may attempt to prove an alibi for Collins, but Prosecuting Attorney Smith feels confident that if such an attempt had been planned that it has been blocked because of the nature of the evidence that was submitted Saturday.

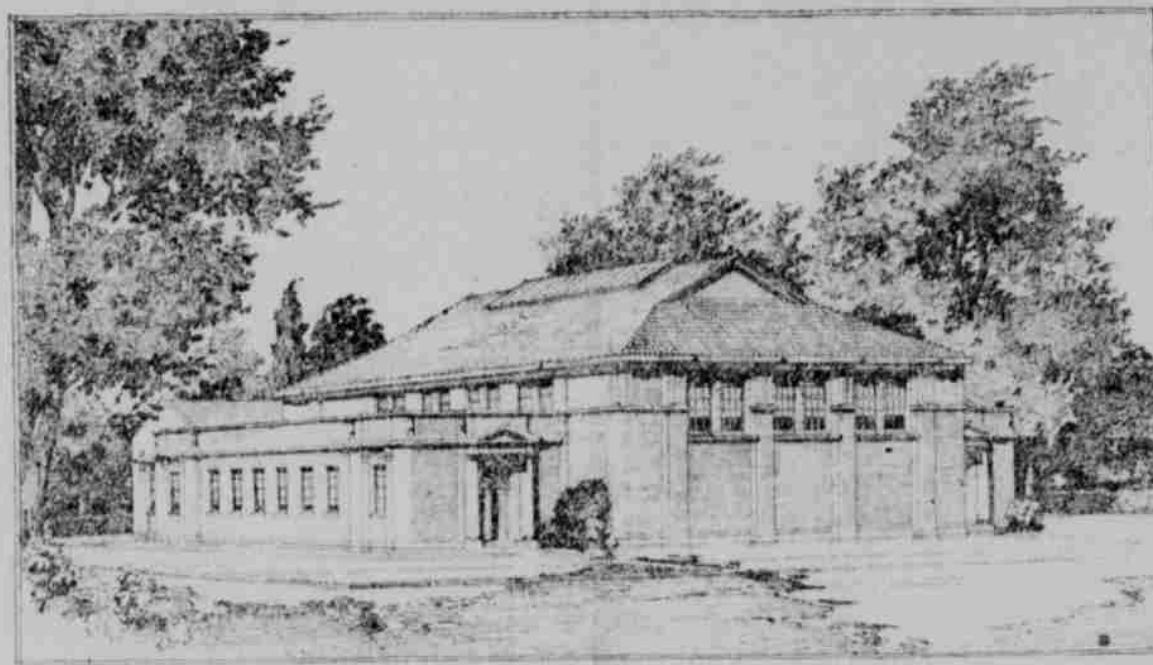
Dr. J. N. Day, the only witness called when the examination was first started about two weeks ago, was recalled to the stand for a short time on Saturday. He was used by the prosecution in showing proof of death, the condition in which the body of the woman was found, the condition of her clothing, etc.

Homer M. Dunham, of The Record, followed Dr. Day to the stand, and furnished what the prosecution regards as a strong link in the chain through which it expects to have Collins bound over for trial. He was present at the first grilling given Collins by officers, and he testified as to the story that Collins had told regarding his movements on the night of February 5, and had gone down town to a grocery where he purchased a peck of potatoes. This was about 7:15, and Collins said, Dunham stated, that it had taken him about five minutes on his return to his home, which is located just a short distance from the Crowe home. According to the theory of the prosecution, it is believed that this would place Collins near the scene of the (Continued on page two)

RUGS CLEANED

By improved method cleaned and returned the same day by Alma Dry Cleaning Works, office 127 E. Superior st. All work called for and delivered. Phone 593. Work guaranteed.—adv. 92-2

Memorial Auditorium and Gymnasium as It Will Appear



The accompanying sketch and floor plan of the proposed memorial gymnasium and auditorium, for which \$110,000 is being sought in the endowment campaign of Alma college in Gratiot county gives only a very meager idea of the fine structure that the college authorities hope to have constructed on the campus, as a permanent living memorial to the men from Gratiot and Alma College who gave their services to their country during the great World War.

Not only will the building have a large gymnasium, the playing floor being 60x90 feet, and surrounded by numerous seats for spectators, but will also furnish a large auditorium, made by the use of the gymnasium, the stage, and running track or balcony, which however does not show in the floor plan, as it will overhang the seats on the floor. The installation of seats will give an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1200.

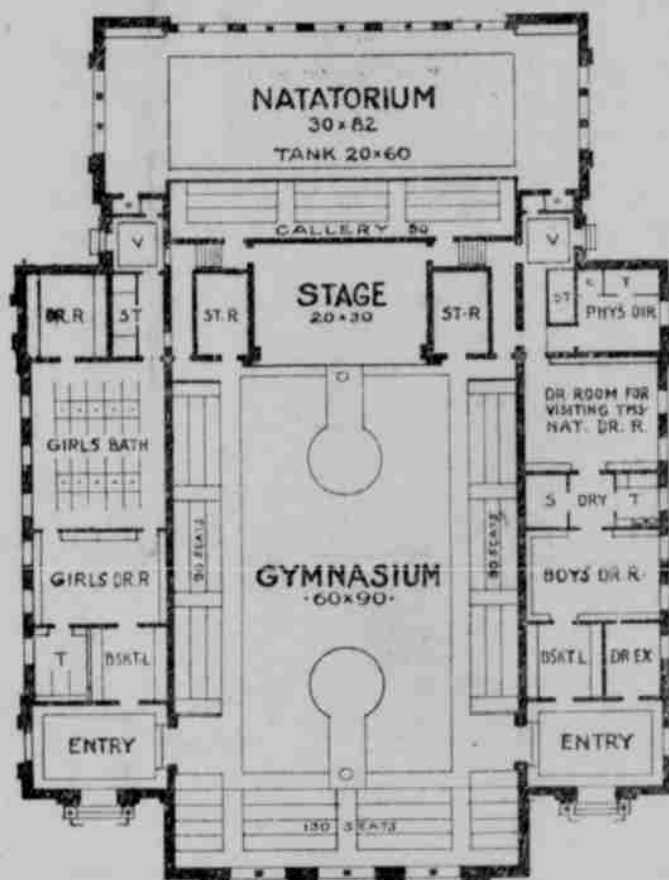
To the rear of the stage will be found the natatorium, 30 by 82 feet, which will contain a swimming pool 20 by 60 feet.

On one side of the gymnasium floor will be located the physical directors' room, a room for the visiting team, a room for the home team, etc., while on the opposite side will be located the dressing room, shower baths, etc., for the girls.

The floor plan indicates how complete a gymnasium, and auditorium, the proposed structure will be, and to the many and varied uses that such a place can be used for, not only to the great advantage of Alma College, but to the city of Alma and to Gratiot county people, who will find it available for conventions, mass meetings, etc.

It will be a fitting, lasting memorial to the heroic young people their country, and to the aid of all who went out from Gratiot county mankind.

Ground Plan of the Proposed Memorial Auditorium and Gymnasium Building



CAMPAIGNERS GET RESULTS

College Drive for \$10,000 Nets
\$14,232.50 to the En-
dowment Fund.

It is doubtful if Alma ever saw a better campaign than the student-faculty campaign at Alma College last week in which the goal of \$10,000, set as the college share of the endowment campaign, was passed at the end of the second day, and left far behind before the campaign was brought to an end with a total of \$14,232.50 subscribed to the fund, every student and faculty member joining hands in putting over the campaign that yielded such wonderful results, and established a new national record for such campaigns in colleges and universities.

The final tabulation of the campaign shows that the students of the college subscribed \$8,157.50, and that the members of the faculty pledged \$6,075.00. The \$8,157.50 was divided among the four classes as follows: Seniors \$1,425, Juniors \$985, Sophomores \$2,460 and Freshman class \$3,377.50.

It had been considered as very doubtful if the student-faculty campaign would reach the high quota that had been set for them, and the fact that it was so easily topped is lending to the belief that the campaign in Alma and Gratiot county will also be received very enthusiastically, and that it will be given wonderful support. Another reason why this belief is entertained is the fact that the success of the campaign will not only supply the college with a gymnasium, and the college, city and county, with a large auditorium, but that it will also furnish a living, useful memorial to the men who went from Gratiot county to serve their country in the late World War.

Genesta in escape act—Strand Saturday night.—adv.

AWARD LETTERS

College Basketeers Given Letters for
the Season's Work.

On Tuesday morning of this week letters were awarded to the members of the Alma College basketball team of the season of 1921, which finished the M. I. A. A. season in third place, only a short distance behind Kalamazoo and the Michigan State Normal, who tied for first honors.

Seven men were awarded letters, as follows: Oswald Kirker and James Beattie of Detroit, Gordon French of Coleman, Richard Waggoner of Bad Axe, Van Bage of LaGrange, Ill., James Howe of Alma, and Captain Carl Dahlgren of Newberry.

As all of the men are expected to be back in college next year the college fans are looking forward to a highly successful season in 1922 and predictions are being made that with very little strengthening the Maroon and Cream aggregation will have strength enough to pull down a M. I. A. A. championship.

OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Carl of Alma celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. K. Williams of St. Johns, Mich. The house and tables were decorated with green and white and with Shamrock favors. A six o'clock dinner was served to the guests of honor by Mrs. Van Epps. Mr. and Mrs. Carl received several pieces of cut glass from their friends in Alma who were unable to go to St. Johns. Linen, flowers and many useful gifts, also a purse well filled was given by the friends who were present.

A close contest in parlor quoits was held in the afternoon and the evening was spent in music interspersed with Irish stories.

The guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cresser of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carl, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gibson, Mrs. Charles Carl of Lansing, and Mrs. Sarah Clemmons of New Haven.

Mrs. Floyd Burkholder of McBain has been visiting for a few days at the home of Mrs. B. Burkholder on Center street.

VALLEY CHAMPS WERE DEFEATED

Arthur Hill High an Alma
Victim at Basket Ball
Tournament.

The Alma high school basketball team made only a fair showing in the basketball tournament at Mt. Pleasant Normal the latter part of last week, winning from Arthur Hill High of Saginaw, Saginaw Valley champions, on Thursday, by a score of 13 to 9 in a game featured by an air tight defense, but on Friday was eliminated from further consideration by taking a beating from Bay City Eastern High, 20 to 15, a team which had previously in the season been twice defeated by the Hillites.

Dope from comparative scores during the season indicated that if Alma met Arthur Hill the Hillites would go down to defeat, and the dope ran true. Mullin's aggregation put up a wonderful defensive game against the Saginaw Valley champs, Grube of the Arthur Hill tossers being the only man who was able to break through the Alma defense, and only once did Grube find the basket from the floor. Garner played a stellar game for the Orange and Black, breaking through the defense of the Hillites three different times for field baskets, and to those were added one each by Anderson and Elias, making five field counters to the one that the Valley champs secured.

In the first half neither team was able to get its offensive work started the Arthur Hill aggregation and the local team scoring just three points each. In the second half the Alma steamroller started its offensive work, while the defense held the Hillites to two points, Alma scoring ten.

The Hillites played a remarkably clean game, only three fouls being called on them, all of which Elias netted. Eleven times the members of the Alma team were halted for rule (Continued on page two)

NEW DEPOT

Chances Are That New Structure
Will Be Built Soon.

Representatives of the Alma Chamber of Commerce and the City Commission, who were in Saginaw Friday interviewing W. K. Wallace, district manager of the Pere Marquette Railroad, feel certain that in the very near future Alma will have a new depot to replace the present structure which has been in use here for upwards of a score of years, and which for the past several years has been inadequate in every respect.

Following a discussion of the proposition Mr. Wallace assured the Alma delegation that his co-operation would be given in this matter as soon as business conditions picked up to a sufficient extent to warrant such action.

STORES TO CLOSE

Stores in the city of Alma will close promptly at noon Friday, and will remain closed until 3:00 p. m. in order that the merchants and their clerks may have the opportunity to attend the Good Friday services that will be held at the M. E., First Christian, and the Catholic churches of this city. Banks will also close, but will be open from 3:00 until 4:00 p. m. to serve their patrons.

UNION SERVICES HERE TOMORROW

Three Hours Union Services to
Be Held in Two of the
Alma Churches.

Good Friday union services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church on Prospect avenue and at the East Superior Street Christian church, these having been selected because of the large auditoriums, and because of their locations.

Programs have been arranged for the two churches that are of sufficient length for a three-hour service at each place, and all Alma people are urged to attend the services at one of the places of worship. The services will begin at 12:00 noon and will continue until 3:00 p. m.

Services at the M. E. Church.
12:12:30—Hymn, Mr. May, leader.
Scripture and prayer, Capt. Mc-
Lain.

Solo, Mrs. Joseph McKenney.
12:30:12:45—"Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do,"
Rev. C. H. Hull.
Hymn.

12:50:1:05—"Today shalt thou be
with me in paradise," Rev. E. E.
Shouffer.

1:05:1:10—Meditation.
1:10:1:15—Solo, Mr. Harizell Lyon.
1:15:1:30—"My God! My God! Why
Hast Thou Forsaken Me!" Rev.
Peter White.

Song and Scripture.
1:30:1:35—"It Is Finished," Rev. W.
Gellston.

Volunteer prayers.
2:00:2:15—"Woman, Behold Thy
Son," "Son, Behold Thy Mother,"
Rev. R. Grierson.

2:15:2:30—Solo, Mrs. H. S. Babcock.
2:30:2:35—"I Thirst," Rev. J. E. Wil-
liams.

2:35:2:40—Hymn and Lord's Prayer.
2:40:2:55—"Father, Into Thy Hands
I Commend My Spirit," Rev. M.
Duffy.

2:55:3:00—Hymn and Benediction.
Program at Christian Church.
12:12:30—Hymn, Mr. Wright, leader.
Scripture and prayer, Rev. J. E.
Harwood.

Solo, Mrs. Gerhardt.
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The same speakers will appear on
the program at both churches. A
hearty invitation is extended to all
our citizens.

BRECKENRIDGE ELECTS

At the town election held Monday at Breckenridge, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Frank A. Sexton; clerk, R. C. Chisholm; treasurer, S. E. Hodges; trustees for two years, J. E. Hodges, Foster Fraker, E. Oberst; assessor, Charles Luneack.—"C"

NEARLY READY FOR CAMPAIGN

Meetings of Instruction to Be
Held for Solicitors in the
Drive.

SELECT CHAIRMAN FOR ITHACA

Ryder of Bannister Has Chosen His
Workers and Is Ready to
Start.

All captains under the three division leaders for the Alma College Endowment campaign in Alma have selected their teams, and Tuesday a meeting of the workers was held at which time some of the preliminary work was gone into. This meeting will be followed by another next Tuesday, and the opening banquet of the drive a week hence, at which the final pre-campaign work will be finished and all will be in readiness to start the drive for the \$110,000 in Gratiot county for the memorial gymnasium to the memory of the sons of Gratiot county who went into the service of the country in the World War.

That there should be a memorial to the Gratiot county service men has been generally conceded since the days when the boys left their homes for the training camps. The public conscience in every county in the country demands that the names of the county's soldiers be inscribed upon enduring tablets while the boys are still alive. Each county has been forced to decide whether it would erect a monument, or a building that would stand as a memorial and which would render a broad community service as long as it endured.

The Alma college project combines local and county interests in a memorial plan that is of county wide interest. The college needs a gymnasium; the county needs an assembly hall. All interests are united in the desire to pay a proper tribute to the soldiers. The proposed structure is one that will render a service not to a local community alone, but to all of the young men and women from Gratiot county who will attend Alma College in the days to come.

The Alma campaign in Gratiot county is a part of a state-wide appeal for funds being made by the college. The General Education Board has pledged Alma \$75,000 and the Presbyterian Educational Board has pledged \$50,000 on condition that a total of \$300,000 be secured. If the campaign in Gratiot county for \$110,000 succeeds the conditions laid down by the two large contributors will be met.

The state wide campaign, which will be continued until completion time, has been organized for the purpose of securing \$500,000 additional endowment for Alma. However, all of the funds secured in Gratiot county will be devoted to the construction of the proposed memorial.

During the next few days, the college will send out printed lists bearing the names of Gratiot county's soldiers. Before the names can be inscribed upon tablets it is necessary to secure lists that are complete and correct in every detail. The lists will be distributed in order to give the friends and relatives of ex-servicemen a chance to check up and see whether any name is missing.

Work on the various local organizations in each place in the county is now proceeding rapidly and it is expected that another week will see everything in readiness for the start of the campaign, which will probably be the hottest that Alma has ever experienced.

Clarence Goodrich has been selected as the chairman for Ithaca and Friday evening a meeting is to be held at the Presbyterian Church at which time the committee that will handle the campaign there will be selected.

Bannister is all ready for the start. A. F. Ryder is the chairman there and he has as his workers, H. G. Smith, F. H. Moulton and Rev. C. Schlueter.

BRECKENRIDGE BANK SOLD

The Farmers' State Bank of Breckenridge have purchased the assets and assumed the liabilities of the First State Savings Bank and purchased the bank building of the First State Savings Bank, and the Farmers' State Bank has moved into the new building and will conduct the business of the combined banks. There has been no change in the officers and directors of the institution.—"C"

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors, the minister, doctor and nurse for their kindness and beautiful floral offerings during the sickness and death of our boy, age 3 years and eleven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avery and daughter.